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1. A GERMAN NEWSPAPER (HANDELSBLATT) REPORTS THAT
PREPARATIONS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED FOR THE OPENING OF
A URANIUM ORE STRIP MINE IN CANADA, THE TOTAL YEARLY
OUTPUT OF WHICH (1,700 TONS U308 WILL BE SHIPPED
TO THE FRG.

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2. HANDELSBLATT FURTHER REPORTS THAT THE PARTICIPATION IN THIS VENTURE, KNOWN AS THE RABBIT LAKE (SASKATCHEWAN) DEVELOPMENT, IS SHARED BY GULF MINERALS (CANADA) LTD. AND URANERZBAU GMBH (BONN) AT 51 AND 49 PERCENT RESPECTIVELY. THE GERMAN PARTNER IS OWNED EQUALLY BY RHEINISCHE BRAUNKOHLENWERKE AG (COLOGNE) AND C. DEILMANN AG (BENTHIEM) AND HAS BEEN CONNECTED WITH THE VENTURE SINCE 1970. ALTHOUGH THE CANADIAN PARTNER IS A US SUBSIDIARY, IT IS RECOGNIZED FOR TECHNICAL REASONS AS "CANADIAN" AND THEREFORE ENTITLED TO RETAIN 51 PERCENT CONTROL EVEN IN FACE OF THE RECENT CANADIAN INVESTMENT LEGISLATION.

3. IN OTHER SOURCES, DATING FROM 1972, THE OUTPUT WAS ESTIMATED AS GOING TO BE 1,800 TONS U308 ANNUALLY. THE TOTAL ORE RESERVES WERE GIVEN AS 7.5 MILLION TONS WITH AN AVERAGE CONTENT OF 0.35 PERCENT U308 (I.E., A TOTAL OF 25,000 TONS).

4. EMBASSY BONN WOULD WELCOME OTTAWA'S COMMENTS ON THIS INFORMATION.
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